

## Minutes of Meeting

### Institute Innovation Council

**Date: Oct 16, 2024**

**Venue: TERI SAS Campus**



### Participants

Faculty	Student Coordinators
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr. Sapan Thapar – Convener</li> <li>- Dr. Ranjana Chaudhari – Social Media Coordinator</li> <li>- Dr. Amit Singh – Start-Up Activity Coordinator</li> <li>- Dr. Anand Madhukar – Internship Activity Coordinator</li> <li>- Dr Manini Syali – IPR Activity Coordinator</li> <li>- Dr Parul Behl - Faculty</li> <li>- Dr Kavita – Faculty</li> <li>- Mr. Devinder Kumar – Secretary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mynam Venkata Harshita –REEM</li> <li>- Siddhartha Kamal Kishore –REEM</li> <li>- Dhruvish Snehal Sodagar –MBA</li> <li>- Dishita Prasad – Member Geo</li> <li>- Jayati Gupta – Member Eco</li> <li>- -Kheya Ghosh Dastidar - Eco</li> <li>- -Nilav Akash Baruah – Biotech</li> <li>- Sukanya Singh - Biotech</li> </ul>

## **Discussions/ Proceedings**

### *1. Welcome and Discussion Review*

The Convener, Dr. Sapan Thapar, welcomed all IIC members (faculty as well as student coordinators) at the session. He apprised members about the progress since the last meeting. The Convener further provided an overview on the IIC related requirements under AICTE for the HEIs.

### *2. Brainstorming and Engagement with Start-Up Founders*

Members emphasized the need to orient students towards parallel career opportunities through entrepreneurship and innovation. It was proposed to organize brainstorming sessions with startup founders to inspire students and expose them to alternative career paths.

### *3. Awareness about IIC*

Student coordinators highlighted the need to raise awareness about IIC among their community and involving 1<sup>st</sup> semester students.

### *4. Ministry-Endorsed Initiatives and Awareness*

Suggestions were made to compile a list of initiatives endorsed by the Ministries, aiming to increase awareness among students and encourage them towards innovative solutions.

### *5. Course on 'Design Thinking'*

A course on 'Design Thinking' is currently offered as an open elective for MBA students at TERI SAS. This provides an excellent opportunity for interdisciplinary learning and critical thinking among students from diverse academic backgrounds. The IIC proposed offering it across all programs. The same has been approved.

### *6. Collaboration with other Institutions*

It was highlighted that there is lack of a dedicated eco-system at TERI SAS to foster entrepreneurs. One possibility is collaboration with Institutions like IIT & JNU, having incubation centers. The Convener suggested visits to incubator facilities to get a better understanding of how these centers operate and their business models. It was suggested that TERI SAS may enter into agreement with IIT/ JNU to enable its students work at their facilities. Meanwhile, it was also discussed to request TERI SAS ADMIN for allocating dedicated space for aspiring entrepreneurs.

### *7. Plans for Upcoming Semester*

Plans were discussed for organizing a Hackathon and inviting Start-up founders for inspirational talks. Legal colleagues were asked to organize IIC convener to visit IIT & JNU to see their incubation facilities and explore tie-ups. IIC to invite students from UG programmes besides involving the concerned faculty members.